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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PRESIDENT OBAMA AND NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT SUMMIT

¶1. LEAD STORIES: All Friday morning papers led with the continued disarray within the ruling LDP over Prime Minister Aso's plan to dissolve the Lower House next week for a snap election on August 30.

¶2. "U.S. Diplomacy Entering Stage of Implementing Policies" On President Obama's foreign policy, the liberal Mainichi stated (7/17): "Starting with his April address in Prague calling for the creation of a 'world free of nuclear weapons,' President Obama has delivered a series of major foreign policy speeches in Cairo, Moscow, and Accra, Ghana. After only six months in office, the President has laid out in a comprehensive manner the roles of the U.S. and the international community for the 21st century.... The Obama administration has been highly praised both at home and abroad, and has received offers of cooperation from major nations. President Obama is unlikely to seek immediate results [in his foreign policy] but will instead focus on maintaining coordination by influencing international public opinion."

¶3. "Non-Aligned States Reverse 'Anti-American' Posture" On the Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Egypt, a writer for the liberal Asahi reported (7/17): "Having set the global economic crisis and global environment as their main discussion agenda items, the summit this time appeared to be less political than the one held three years ago, in which [the participants] stressed their anti-American position.... The non-aligned movement is attempting to shift its focus from politics to other fields based on the assessment that deeper involvement will be imperative in resolving such issues as climate change and financial and trade problems.... However, the 'South-South split' is enlarging, as Brazil and India have joined the 'emerging economies' due to their rapid economic growth, while most African nations are still classified as underdeveloped countries. Given that the non-aligned movement now encompasses almost two-thirds of UN member states, it is becoming increasingly

difficult for the group to find common interests."

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